Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler released the following statement in response to the new immigration reform proposal announced today.

"Illegal immigrants are breaking our laws, and should not be rewarded with citizenship," Congressman Adler said. "We need to secure our borders and punish employers that hire illegal immigrants instead of Americans."

Congressman Adler continued that the House proposal unveiled today, which calls for a pathway to legalization for illegal immigrants, is not economically responsible at a time when America is facing unemployment as high as 10 percent.

"Americans and those immigrants legally coming to this country are struggling to find jobs and support their families," Congressman Adler said. "Providing amnesty and jobs for illegal immigrants only hurts those who are playing by the rules."